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| Wayne D. COMPER | : | Confirmation Number: 2638 |
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| For: METHOD FOR KIDNEY DISEASE TREATMENT BY DRUG INTERVENTION | : | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2003. Accordingly, this response is due on or before April 5, 2004 with a request for a two-month extension of time.

Applicant would like to express their appreciation for the opportunity to explain the nature of the invention in the interview of March 17, 2004. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments and comments made herein place the application into condition for allowance and entry thereof is respectfully requested. No new matter is added.

Please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.